GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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EXPLORATION OF OIL AND GAS IN HIMALAYAN REGION
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has a plan for exploration of gas and oil in the Himalayan Region keeping in view the availability of oil and gas reserves there;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.(ONGC) and Oil India Ltd.(OIL) are carrying out exploration work in the Himalayan region. ONGC have acquired 8027 Ground Line Kilometer(GLK) of 2D seismic data and drilled 18 wells in the Himalayan foothills. OIL have acquired 6222 GLK of 2D seismic data and drilled one exploratory well.

During the Tenth Plan period (2002-07), ONGC have envisaged acquiring 225 GLK 2D seismic data and drilling of 3 exploratory wells in the Himalayan foothills in the States of Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh.

(c): During the Tenth Plan period, an outlay of Rs. 101.18 crores and Rs. 98.29 crores has been estimated by ONGC and OIL respectively for the region.